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Tax-A-Palooza to Provide Tax Assistance
IRS Certified volunteers to be on-site to help e-file federal and state tax returns

February 16th, 2022: Community Partnership of the Ozarks (CPO) will be hosting Tax-A-Palooza on February 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Springfield Dream Center, 829 W. Atlantic, Springfield. IRS-Certified volunteers will be on-site to e-file federal and state tax returns for those that are eligible. This is a part of our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program that provides tax assistance to those in need.

“Last year, Tax-A-Palooza served over 70 people, and we are hopeful to exceed that number. This event also saved approximately \$15,000 in taxpayer preparation fees,” says Kelly Paparella, Director of Financial Stability Programs with CPO. This year will also feature some expanded services. A Certified Spanish Interpreter/Translator will be on-site, as well as an IRS Taxpayer Advocate. The Taxpayer Advocacy Service supports taxpayers with financial hardship issues and will help settle disputes with the IRS. For more information on this service visit www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov.

Taxpayers (married or single) who are eligible are those that:

- Earned less than \$60,000 in 2022 OR over 60 years old
- Did not declare bankruptcy in 2022
- Do not own rental property
- Other restrictions may apply, call 417-720-2000 for questions and details

No appointments are needed for Tax-A-Palooza. You should bring the following:

- Photo ID
- Social Security Cards for all individuals on the tax return OR SSA-1099 for those receiving Social Security income (no exceptions)
- All IRS Federal & State Income Statements: W-2s, 1099s, Social Security, Unemployment, Pension, & all other benefits statements
- Self-employment income, expenses incurred, & all documents showing taxes withheld
- Childcare provider's information
- All other income documentation/records
- Voided check or Bank Routing & Account number for direct deposit

To learn more about VITA and other financial literacy programs at CPO, please visit www.cpozarks.org/financial-literacy

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